

Transition Readiness Grant: Evidence Based Practices Fund

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Objectives

- Review key changes to the Transition Readiness Grant program and application
- Provide guidance for completing the application and budget/claim process
- Answer questions
- [Webinar will be recorded and posted on DPI website](#)

2019-2020 Grant Program

- \$1.5 Million total fund to support evidence based transition practices
- [Application](#) was released February 1, 2019
- Applications due March 1, 2019
- Streamlined application and process in response to [FY19 process](#) and district feedback
- \$3.5 Million increase was requested in 19-21 biennial budget

Funding and Eligibility

- Grants awards must be no less than \$25,000.00 and no more than \$100,000.00.
- All public school districts, 2x, and 2r charters with a secondary population
- 5 categories of evidence based practices

II. GRANT PROPOSAL	
Award Option	Award Funding Available
Transportation Options <i>Includes contracted services or vehicle purchase</i>	\$25,000 per award
Project Search Tuition/Supports	\$9,000/student
Post-Secondary Tuition/Supports for Student(s)	\$550/student <i>Based on average cost from WTCS for 3-credit course that will transfer to 4-year college. Collegiate transfer \$181.50/credit, Postsecondary and vocational adult \$135.20/credit.</i>
Transition Certificate for Staff Member(s)	\$1,000/staff member
Training for Paraprofessionals <i>Training will be held August 13-14, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency in Green Bay. Virtual follow-up sessions will be held November 2019, January 2020, and March 2020</i>	\$600/staff member
Total Amount Requested	Total amount requested must be between \$25,000 – \$100,000.

Allowable Costs

Award Option	Award Funding Available	Example Allowable Costs
Transportation Options	\$25,000 per grant award	Vehicle purchase, Contract with taxi company, bus service
Project Search Tuition/Supports	\$9,000/student	PS tuition, uniforms, limited transportation costs
Post-Secondary Tuition/supports for Students	\$550/student	Course tuition, Textbook costs, Field trips for college visits
Transition Certificates for staff members	\$1,000/staff member	UW Whitewater or UW Milwaukee program
Training for Paraprofessionals <i>TIG hosted training August 13-14, 2019; Hyatt Regency, Green Bay , 3 virtual follow ups: November 2019, January 2020, March 2020</i>	\$600/staff member	Staff wages/benefits, travel costs: hotel, food, mileage

Funds Acquisition Process

- Funds awarded under this grant program will need to be expended between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.
- Grant recipients will need to expend the funds and then invoice for reimbursement.
- The schedule for invoicing and reimbursement has not yet been developed.

Fiscal Implications

- **The Transition Readiness Grants**
 - will be booked in Fund 27, with a state-assigned project code that will not be 011 (state categorical aid) or 019 (non-aidable).
 - will not increase the LEA's local MOE level.
 - revenue received should offset any expenditures coded to this new state grant project code and thus would not impact the LEA's Fund 10 to Fund 27 transfer.

Completing the Application

- Application due 11:59pm on March 1, 2019
- Email fillable PDF to carolyn.kiefer@dpi.wi.gov
- [Utilize step by step directions](#) to access your district's most recent Indicator 14 data
- Consortiums of districts can apply together



Scoring Process

- Districts who have previously NOT received a TRG award will be prioritized in this round.
- DPI will consider Indicator 14 data in granting awards
- DPI will consider statewide benchmarks for Indicators 1, 2 and 13 in granting awards
- All districts will remain eligible for awards regardless of the status of the scoring components
- Scoring will take place between March 1-March 8th. Award letters will be sent out by March 15, 2019.

General Requirements (For all recipients)

- Complete at least one [Community Conversation](#) around a transition topic related to your post-school outcome data or around the TRG program/funds by January 1, 2020.
- Transition Data summary completed by June 30, 2020.
 - Details of the data summary have yet to be determined. DPI will provide more information on this data summary in June 2019.
- Awardees will receive \$500 more than requested in the grant proposal as part of their grant award and to complete these assurances no later than June 30, 2020.

Questions

We will now answer questions
that you have about
completing and submitting the
application, or the grant
program itself.

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Thank you!

Webinar Recording, presentation
and notes will be posted at:
<https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/about/state-performance-plan/indicators/13-transition/update>.

